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WELCOME CELEBRATION

Plans Underway for Big Celebration to Soldiers at Rockingham July 18th.

As announced in last week's Post-Dispatch, plans are under way for holding at Rockingham July 18th the biggest celebration ever held in this section. It is to be a big-hearted and royal welcome to the Richmond county soldiers, sailors and marines—white and black—those who went to camp and those who went across.

Rockingham is to be host to the county.

Gov. Bickett last week accepted the invitation to be the speaker of the day.

The manager Tuesday received a wire from Col. Sidney W. Minor, of the 119th regiment, stating that he would be present. "I will be present and in your hands to do whatever you wish," wires he. The management is now in communication with Col. Metts, of the 120th, and Col. Cox, of the 113th.

Carl Shores will have charge of the barbecue, and the Canteen branch of the Red Cross will attend to serving this and the Brunswick stew, ice cream etc.

It is probable a decorator will be secured from Winston to assist in preparing the scores of floats. And right now—a month in advance—it is desired that the people know they are wanted to put floats in the parade. We want floats from Hamlet, Ellerbe, one from every canning club, and from every fraternal order. Every business firm, and mill, in the city, is expected to prepare a suitable float. Prizes will be awarded, announcements of which will be made later.

A ball game with Camp Bragg, the soldier team, has been signed.

The aviation department has promised that two aeroplanes be sent here for aerial stunts.

The manager is endeavoring to get the 50-piece St. Helena Naval Training Station band, in full uniform, to assist the Rockingham band.

The names of all committees will be announced next week.

Every soldier, sailor and marine in the county is expected to wear his uniform. No charge will be made in either picture show during the day for them, or at the ball game. The celebration and barbecue is held in their honor—as a token of the feeling of gladness our people have in their return.

MEMORIAL ARCH

Names of Dead Wanted.

It is planned to erect a huge Memorial Arch across Main street, under which the parade will pass. Atop this white arch will fly the Stars and Stripes, and on this arch will be inscribed the names of the Richmond county men who gave their lives in the service of their Country. This not only includes those who were killed in battle, or died of wounds, but those soldiers who may have died in camp before getting to France. In order to get an accurate list of the county's Roll of Honor, the manager earnestly requests the relatives of those who died to write him at once, giving the name of the soldier, hospital or place where he died, and date of death; also where buried. This information is important; don't delay sending it in.

FRATERNAL ORDERS

Organizations invited for Parade

It is intended to make the par-

ade the most representative one ever held in the county. To this end, every fraternal, or other organization, is invited to pe in it. This includes the local Camp of 400 Woodmen, the Junior Order, the Order of Moose, Red Cross, Odd Fellows, Masons, and other orders. Each organization is urged to begin making plans now for representation in this parade, each order to march as a distinct unit, with its own banners, flags etc. It would be a good idea for each order to be preceded by its own float, especially descriptive of the things for which the particular order stands. There ought to be 2000 fraternal men in line. This includes both white and colored orders. The manager asks that those organizations that intend participating in the parade to let him know at their earliest convenience. The details of the parade will be published later in the month, so that each order will know just where and on what street they must form, and at what point they will join the parade. So you fraternal orders, get busy and cooperate and "show your colors."

Forging Checks.

Three Rockingham's stores would like mighty well to get in touch with a certain sick stranger, who on last Saturday fled them out of good money to a amount of \$86.

The stranger on Friday bought a pair of Ralston shoes from Stephenson-Belk, giving in payment a check for \$20 on a local bank, purporting to be signed by "Bob" McDonald, and receiving back the difference in cash. The check was made payable to "E. C. Thompson."

On Saturday the stranger visited Arenson's store, bought a pair of tennis shoes and a few other things to amount of \$3.00, and gave them a check for \$30 made payable to "A. B. Smith" with the forged name of R. L. McDonald thereon. Mr. Arenson unsuspectingly gave him the difference in cash.

He then went to Dockery-McNair's, bought a few things and handed out a check for \$36, this one made payable to T. C. Collins and with the name of R. S. Cole forged to it. Here also he worked his game without exciting suspicion.

And so the above three firms would like mighty well to get in touch with their erst-while customer. He is described as weighing about 160, about 32 years old, nicely dressed in dark grey suit, brownish hat, and about 5 feet, 11 inches tall, and is slightly stooped.

81st Division.

Many units of the 81st division have landed and will land in a few days.

The 318th field artillery reached Newport News Wednesday on the transport Siboney, just 8 days after sailing from Brest.

Many North Carolina and Virginia negro soldiers of the 511th Engineers landed also on Wednesday.

The 317th field artillery and 306th ammunition train landed several days ago.

The Matsonia is due at Newport News June 18th with companies A to M of 322nd inf.

Get Your Tag.

Ignorance or the excuse of "having applied for but hasn't come" will not be accepted by the officers if you fail to have a new 1920 tag on your car July 1st. Better get busy.

NEW LIGHTS FOR CITY

Town Commissioners Tuesday Night Made New Contract For Better Street Lighting. Tax Levy Made.

At the regular meeting of the town commissioners Tuesday night, W. L. Scales was reelected clerk and treasurer. S. E. Covington was re-elected Chief of Police, as was also E. E. Hamer as policeman; Hamer's salary was increased from \$75 to \$85 per month.

The commissioners present were J. L. Everett, W. M. Hale, L. D. McPhail, and Mayor McNair. Commissioners E. B. Liles and Geo. P. Entwistle were not present.

The tax levy for the new tax year was made, this to be the same as the levy for the past year—\$1.45 on the hundred dollars, and \$3.75 on the poll. The \$1.45 is divided as follows: Sinking Fund 55c, Schools 45c, General Expenses 45c, total \$1.45.

A most important matter handled was the signing of a contract with the Yadkin River Power Co., through C. E. Egerton, for lighting for the next ten years. The present lighting system of arc lights was installed some 17 years ago, and have long since served its day. The new contract calls for the installation within a month of a new and most modern system, replacing the old fluttering arc lights with large power gas-filled Tungsten lamps. 600 candle lights are to be installed in place of the old arc lights from the Seaboard depot to the Methodist church, including cross streets. This will increase the lighting power by over two-thirds. The balance of the residential lights will be increased to 400 candle power, and where there are 32 candle power lights the new contract calls for 100 candle power. The installation of this new system will not cost the city but \$4 extra per month. The present cost of the arc lights is \$275 per month, whereas the new and vastly brighter lights \$279. The Yadkin River company pays the cost of installation etc.

By this new lighting system Rockingham will be probably the best lighted town in the State. The system is new, and the company is willing to install it in order that the system here might be shown as a sample for other towns later to pattern after.

Mr. Egerton expects to have the new lights in by the first week in July.

Two-cent Letter Postage.

Two-cent letter postage will soon be with us again. The three-cent stamp on first-class mail will not be required after July 1st, the postage required after July 1st being one-cent postal cards instead of two-cent, and two-cent letters instead of the three-cent.

During the month of July postmasters will redeem three-cent stamps and two-cent cards, in exchange for the two-cent stamps and one-cent cards; no postals or stamps will be redeemed in cash. And the exchange for full value must be made in July.

Soldier Letter.

On page 8 is an interesting letter from a R'ham soldier in the 81st division. Read it.

Incidentally, live reading matter is scattered over EVERY one of the twelve pages. Don't merely glance at the first page and think you have gotten the cream. Keep 'a looking.

Picnic at Ellerbe.

There will be held a picnic at Ellerbe Springs July 4th. Soldiers, both of this war and of the Confederacy, especially invited.

Part of School at Work.

About 20 pupils of the first grade of the Rockingham school are continuing their work, under Miss Turner, so that they will be able to enter the second grade next fall.

The 10th grade is also still in session, under Miss Finley and Mr. Bell, they continuing their work so they can enter the 11th grade next fall without conditions. The backwardness is due to the flu interruptions of the past year, which prevented the full course to be finished on schedule.

The special work for these two grades will be finished June 20th.

Arenson's Sale.

On page nine of this issue can be seen the full page announcement of Arenson's Mid-Summer sale that began this morning, and which will continue for 15 days.

Boy Scout Movement.

This week is nation-wide Boy Scout week. It was set apart in a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson. Mr. W. G. McAdoo is chairman of the national citizens committee, and under his direction citizens' committees in all the towns and counties of the United States are this week securing 1,000,000 associate members from among the adult population. Mr. W. E. Harrison is chairman of the citizens' committee for Richmond county, and Mr. A. G. Corpening chairman for Rockingham. The campaign was launched at a special young people's meeting at the Presbyterian church last Sunday night. The slogan: "Invest a Dollar in Boyhood to Build Manhood" was so well received at that meeting that 75 associate members were easily secured.

Not only is this a campaign to get 1,000,000 associate members but it call the attention of all parents of Scout age to this great modern movement for boys.

Chapter Initiates.

Hamlet Chapter Royal Arch Masons, No. 76, conferred the degrees Monday on 16 candidates. Four of these were from Rockingham, these being Eugene Payne, Monroe Warburton, Frank Terry and R. B. Waddell.

The Rockingham Commandery Knight Templar, No. 23, will confer its several degrees on a class of about 12 on Thursday, June 26th.

Superior Court.

The June term of civil court will convene next Monday, June 16th, Judge Shaw presiding. The calendar of cases can be seen elsewhere in this issue.

The jury list as drawn May 5th is as follows:

J P Hadley	Ernest White
J A Goodson	H S Hasty
Rich Grissom	O G Reynolds
C C Wilson	J L McDonald
A T Dockery	J L Saunders
Vernon Webb	John Monroe
S R Thrower	Henry Williamson
W C Andrews	W A Hope
Luther Wilson	J M Sedberry
C M Adkins	J W Pegram
J W Phillips	E C Shankle
S A Easterling	R B Waddell

Marriage Licenses.

May 31—John Allman and Mary Dumas, colored.

June 7—Lee Luntz and Phebe McGee, white.

June 7—David Sparks and Emma Craven, colored.

June 9—John McNeill and Emma Wall, colored.

June 11—Jas. Paul Brown and Bessie J. Rea, white.

June 12—Victor Townsend and Nellie E. Medlin.

Escapes From Jail.

Two colored prisoners escaped from the jail here Wednesday at noon, but one was at once captured. The two men were Henry Little, sent to jail by Recorder Austin from Hamlet June 9th for housebreaking, to await court, and Harley Adams, also sent by Recorder Austin for housebreaking, May 23rd.

The men were in the run-round of the jail, and when the colored woman went in to give them their dinner, they ran by her and through the unlocked door. Adams fell when in the woods near the jail, and a Mr. Summers who was passing caught him. Little got in a creek nearby and so far has eluded the dogs and is, at large. Robt. Johnson, also sent up for housebreaking, was in the run-round but did not try to get away.

Farm Demonstrator.

The board of county commissioners at their meeting June 2nd decided to appropriate \$50 a month for a good farm demonstrator, to begin in the fall, provided the State can furnish a satisfactory man for the job. The State and Federal departments pay three-fourths of a demonstrator's salary.

Cotton.

Spots closed today 32.95. July futures 31.45, Oct. 30.90, Dec. 30.63.

2300 People Weigh.

Two months ago the Fox drug store at Rockingham installed a weighing machine, worked by a penny slot. The money box was emptied Monday, and in it was found 2300 pennies. This shows that within two months 2300 people weighed on this machine.

Mayor's Court.

Aaron Johnson, colored, was fined \$5 and costs, \$1.95, last Friday by the Mayor for a nuisance.

"Texas" Johnson was fined \$5 and costs, \$6.85, Tuesday by the Mayor for boisterous language. He is tent erector for the Pickert show.

Tom Horne was taxed with the costs Tuesday, \$1.95, for shooting a pistol in town. The boy had been instructed to empty a pistol by his employer, and he took the instructions literally and went in the barn and shot them out.

Will Benoist submitted Monday to being drunk Saturday, and was allowed to pay a \$5 fine and the costs, of \$3.05. He spent Saturday night in the lock-up.

Escapes From T. School.

Vance Hale, a 13-yr-old lad, who was sent to the Jackson Training School, near Concord, from April term, 1918, for larceny, ran away last Monday. He reached the home of his mother at Pee Dee No. 2 Wednesday, and this morning the officers placed him in custody; he will be sent back to the Training School tonight or Friday.



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